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SUBJECT: SPECIAL TRADE OPPORTUNITY: SECURITY AND
SURVEILLANCE EQUIPMENT FOR GOVERNMENT OF
PAKISTAN

1. MR. R.E. BANKWALLA, MANAGING DIRECTOR OF WELL-KNOWN KARACHI TRADING FIRM FORBES, FORBES, CAMPBELL & CO. LTD. (FFCC) HAS APPROACHED CONGEN TO REQUEST ASSISTANCE IN CONTACTING AMERICAN SUPPLIERS OF VARIOUS TYPES OF SECURITY AND SURVEILLANCE EQUIPMENT. FFCC ARE LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES FOR BRITISH ELECTRONICS FIRM PYE AND ACCORDING TO BANKWALLA, HIS FIRM HAS SUPPLIED PYE RADIO EQUIPMENT TO PRIME MINISTER'S PERSONAL COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK.

2. BECAUSE OF THIS ESTABLISHED RELATIONSHIP, BANKWALLA REPORTS THAT HE HAS RECEIVED A REQUEST FROM THE INTERSERVICE INSPECTORATE (ISI) WHICH HE DESCRIBES AS THE ORGANIZATION RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PM'S PERSONAL SECURITY. THE ISI REQUEST IS FOR THE SUPPLY OF AN X-RAY OR FLUOROSCOPIC INSPECTION SYSTEM CAPABLE OF EXAMINING INDIVIDUALS ENTERING A ROOM TO DETERMINE IF THEY ARE CARRYING A BOMB OR OTHER TYPE OF WEAPON. SYSTEM MUST BE CAPABLE OF MAKING SURVEILLANCE WITHOUT VISITOR'S KNOWLEDGE AND MUST BE ABLE TO DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN HARMLESS METAL OBJECTS AND ACTUAL WEAPONS. BANKWALLA
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STATED THAT THE GOP AUTHORITIES ARE SEEKING A SYSTEM

SIMILAR TO ONE WHICH WAS DESCRIBED IN AN ARTICLE IN THE AMERICAN SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING OF NOV. 22, 1972.

3. BANKWALLA STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF KEEPING THIS REQUEST ABSOLUTELY CONFIDENTIAL SINCE HE BELIEVES IT IS REQUIRED FOR PM BHUTTO'S PERSONAL SECURITY. BANKWALLA UNDERSTANDS A SIMILAR SYSTEM IS BEING USED BY THE SECRET SERVICE TO PROTECT AMERICAN OFFICIALS.

4. BANKWALLA STATED THAT HE HAS ALSO RECEIVED A REQUEST FROM THE SAME ORGANIZATION FOR COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT WHICH HE HAS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: "1) HIGH FREQUENCY SURVEILLANCE RECEIVERS WITH FOLLOWING SPECIFICATIONS: FREQUENCY COVERAGE: 1 MHZ TO 30 MHZ; MODES OF RECEPTION: VOICE, CW AND SSB; BRICK BLOCK SYSTEM: TO BUILD UP ADDITIONAL FACILITIES OF RADIO TELETYPE WORKING. DIGITAL COUNTER WITH PANORAMIC FACILITY. CONFIGURATION OF EQUIPMENT SO THAT WHATEVER FACILITY IS NEEDED CAN BE HAD.

"2) VHF RECEIVERS FOR SURVEILLANCE. SAME SPECIFICATIONS BUT IN 20 MHZ TO 300 MHZ."

5. ACTION REQUESTED: CONGEN REQUESTS APPROPRIATE WASHINGTON AGENCY TO ASCERTAIN NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF POTENTIAL AMERICAN SUPPLIERS OF THIS EQUIPMENT AND TO PROVIDE INFORMATION TO US. BANKWALLA OR GOP WILL THEN CONTACT FIRMS DIRECTLY. BANKWALLA STATES THAT REQUESTS FOR X-RAY SURVEILLANCE EQUIPMENT IS OF URGENT IMPORTANCE AND THEREFORE WE REQUEST TELEGRAPHIC RESPONSE. TIGER

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